



Socket No.: 58604-030

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Fumihiko HATAYAMA	:	Confirmation Number: 6694
Serial No.: 10/671,446	:	Group Art Unit: 2176
Filed: September 29, 2003	:	Examiner: Unknown
For: PRINTING CONTROL METHOD, IMAGE DATA CREATING APPARATUS, AND DATA FOR IMAGE CREATION		

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop IDS  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

Each non-English language reference was first cited in a corresponding foreign application search report or office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the

10/671,446

foreign search report or office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

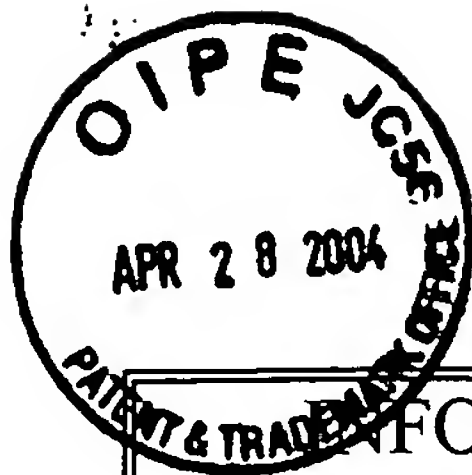
Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY



Arthur J. Steiner  
Registration No. 26,106

600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005-3096  
(202) 756-8000 AJS:tlb  
Facsimile: (202) 756-8087  
**Date: April 28, 2004**



SHEET 1 OF 1

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
CITATION IN AN  
APPLICATION

(PTO-1449)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.  
58604-030SERIAL NO.  
10/671,446APPLICANT  
Fumihito HATAYAMAFILING DATE  
September 29, 2003GROUP  
2176

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Document Number Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US 6,715,127	03/30/2004	Eschbach Reiner, et al.	
		US 6,137,903	10/24/2000	Dichter	
		US 6,006,013	12/21/1999	Rumph et al.	
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Foreign Patent Document Country Codes - Number - Kind Codes (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Figures Appear	Translation	
						Yes	No
		EP 0 322 879 A2	07/05/1989	DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG. CO., LTD.		In English	
		JP 11-240137	09/07/1999	MITSUBISHI HEAVY IND LTD		English Abstract Only	
		JP 2000-187735	07/04/2000	XEROX CORP	Corresponds to US 6,715,127	English Abstract Only	
		EP 0 566 914 A1	10/27/1993	DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG. CO., LTD.		In English	

## OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.